

# FRENCH FIGHT FIERCELY IN PICARDY; BEFORE NOYON, KEY TO GERMAN LINE

## HUN TROOPS FORCED BACK OVER 20 MILE FRONT TO AILETTE

Byng's Army Encountering Heavy Resistance In Papaume Region—British Hold Arras-Albert Railroad—Americans Successfully Drop Bombs on Railroads.

Paris, Aug. 22.—German troops were forced back over a 20 mile front to a depth of from one to two miles from Lassigny to the Ailette river during the night, and maintained contact with retreating enemy bodies between Matz and the Oise and east of the Oise during the night, says today's war office statement.

Four villages, Le Plémont, Thiescourt, Canneclancourt and Ville, were occupied by the French, who have reached the Divette river, the statement says.

Farther east the villages of Bourguignon and St. Paul aux Bois have been taken. The French reached the Ailette river at La Quincy Basse. The western outskirts of Pommiers on the Aisne, west of Soissons, also have been taken.

Paris, Aug. 22.—Gen. Byng's army is encountering desperate resistance in the region of Papaume. Achiet le Grande changed hands several times late yesterday afternoon and last night. The British now are in that position.

French troops have reached the Ailette river at several points. It is not expected that the Germans will try to hold the Ailette line, but may retreat to the Oise.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 22, 2 p. m.—(By the Associated Press)—British troops are holding virtually all the Arras-Albert railroad and have established their posts well east of that line.

The British success in the north enabled the tanks to pass beyond the railroad. Some were reported this morning to be working as far east as the Bapaume-Arras road.

In their new attack the British early today apparently had taken their final objectives on the right and were well inside the enemy lines.

South of Albert the British crossed the Ancre river.

With the American Forces in France, Tuesday, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Two bombing flights were carried out yesterday by American aviators on the towns of Longuey and Audun le Roman, northeast of Verdun. Bombs were successfully dropped on railroad tracks and round houses.

Three American reconnaissance planes yesterday encountered and attacked three German machines near Waville, to the north of Verdun. One German aeroplane was forced down with its tank on fire and the others were driven away. The Americans returned to their base safely.

Another reconnaissance formation met six rumpler monoplane near Thiacourt. Three of the German aeroplanes attacked Lieut. Urbard, who was taking photographs. The lieutenant opened fire and hit one German machine which spiraled sharply downward and disappeared at 11,000 feet.

On the French Front in France, Aug. 22.—The operation which resulted in the fall of Lassigny on Wed-

## BOLSHEVIK TROOPS ADVANCE ON ONEGE

### I. C. C. HANDS DOWN DECISION ON CAR CASE

After Six Years Investigation Increases Mileage Rates on Private Cars.

Washington, Aug. 22.—After six years of investigation, hearings and litigation the Interstate Commerce Commission today handed down a decision in the so-called private car case, holding that no additional charge shall be made for freight carried in refrigerator, tank, stock, heater, coal or other such privately owned car except where the ordinary rate is based on transportation in another type of car cheaper to operate.

Specifically an increase from three quarters to one cent a mile was allowed in the additional rate for tank, poultry and heater cars, to become effective Oct. 15, next. This increase does not apply to stock, coal, coke, rack, flat, boy or pocket cars, the additional rate on which remains at three quarters of a cent a mile.

Relief of cars must be done by the carriers and the charges for this service must be based on actual cost with a reasonable percentage of profit.

### MAN POWER BILL IS BEFORE BOTH HOUSES TODAY

Debate Begun in Both House and Senate—Passage in House Expected Today.

Washington, Aug. 22.—With debate beginning simultaneously in the Senate and the House, Congress turned its attention today to the man-power bill extending the army draft age limits to 18 and 45 years. Passage in the House was expected before adjournment, while the Senate was expected to enact the measure counted on as a vital factor within a few days.

Contests over the inclusion of the work or light amendment, which appears in the Senate military committee draft of the bill and which will be brought up on the floor of the House, were expected. The House military committee amendment providing that youths of 18 and 19 shall be called after those of the higher age was expected to be eliminated.

### BIG SUIT FILED AGAINST SEYMOUR MANUFACTURER

Hartford, Aug. 22.—Property of the Seymour Mfg. Co. of Seymour, was attached yesterday by the United States marshal to the amount of \$125,000 as a result of action begun by two mining companies of Michigan to obtain payment claimed to be due on past contracts and deliveries of refined copper. The writ is returnable on the first Monday in September before the United States district court in Hartford.

### SEVEN MEN LOST FROM U. S. PATROL BOAT MONTAUK

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—Seven members of the crew of the United States patrol boat Montauk were lost when the craft was driven ashore by a high northeast gale on Cumberland island, 20 miles north of Fernandina, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The body of one has been recovered. Seventeen survivors have been landed at Fernandina.

### ANTI-HUN PRAYER BY HOUSE CHAPLAIN

Washington, Aug. 22.—Rev. Henry N. Coudon, the chaplain in opening yesterday's session of the House, prayed:

"Good Lord, deliver us from the hyphenated American, the pro-German spy, the profiteer, the pacifist, the slacker and all who would retard the prosecution of the war for human rights, human happiness, the establishment of a permanent world-wide peace, for Christ's sake, Amen."

### Soviet Troops Said to Have Taken Villages on "East Front."

### TWO INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS FOR ALLIES

In Archangel and Vladivostok—Ambassador Francis to Head Archangel Body.

Stockholm, Aug. 22.—Bolshevik troops advancing along the Anega river, where Allied expeditionary forces are operating, have captured the village of Purgasovo, according to a bulletin issued from the "labors" army headquarters on Monday.

A bulletin on the course of the fighting is issued daily from the "headquarters."

According to the one issued on Monday the Soviet troops operating on the "east front" took the villages of Michalevo, Kret and Leg and occupied the station in Kormovsk and the enemy retreated toward Kamysheh. It is added that the Soviet forces retired to Klenovskaya after hard fighting.

Near Kazan a drawn battle was fought. It is stated. There has been fighting near Simbirsk, where the Soviet army advanced to the village of Vyry.

London, Aug. 22.—Japanese reports received at Tientsin and sent to the Exchange Telegraph Co. under date of Tuesday, say that on the Ussuri front, north of Vladivostok, the Bolsheviks are receiving substantial reinforcements. The Allied right wing, it is added, is retreating.

Washington, Aug. 22.—In order to co-ordinate the efforts of the Allies and the United States in Russia an official dispatch from France today says it has been decided to create two international councils, one in Archangel, including the Entente ambassadors under the presidency of American Ambassador Francis, and the other in Vladivostok, to be composed of five high officials.

On the Vladivostok council Great Britain will be represented by Sir Charles Eliot; France by Eugene Regnaud, former ambassador to Japan; and Japan by Mr. Matsudaira. It was said at the state department today that an American representative had not been named.

These councils, it is understood, will act as diplomatic representatives in dealing with the independent Russian government in Siberia and on the Murmansk coast and pave the way for the great economic and industrial commissions organizing to aid in the rehabilitation of Russia.

### CONN. LEGAL TIME CONFORMS TO ACT OF CONGRESS

Decides Judge Edlin At Middletown Today—Overrules Demurrer.

Middletown, Aug. 22.—Legal time in Connecticut conforms to the act of Congress under a status of 1884, in the opinion of Judge James R. Edlin of the city court, who overruled today a demurrer in a case before him.

On Sunday, June 30, at 12:15 a. m., state policemen arrested Philip J. Stueck, his manager, and 24 Middletown men at a tavern on the charge of being in a licensed place at an unlawful hour. Twenty men forfeited their bonds while Stueck and his manager were fined.

The cases of the four others were called on Aug. 12. Gustaf B. Carlson, their counsel, contended that the raid was really at 11:15 p. m. of the day preceding. In a demurrer Mr. Carlson held that as the state had not formally adopted the daylight saving plan the legal time in the state had not been changed. Judge Edlin decided that the act of Congress accomplished the purpose of not merely changing clocks to be set ahead, but actually and legally advanced standard time for one hour.

### LEE, DEAD AVIATOR, IS CITED.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Official Journal yesterday prints the citation of Flight Lieut. Schuyler Lee of New London, Conn., formerly of the Lafayette Escadrille, who was killed in an air battle east of Mintoedier in April.

The citation praises the courage and dash shown by Lieut. Lee since his first days at the front, notably on Feb. 3, when he helped to bring down eight enemy machines.

Munition works employees have the right to unionize.

### TYLER, MINN. TORNADO STRUCK; MANY KILLED

Large Number of Buildings Wrecked and Train Blown From Track.

### ENTIRE BUSINESS SECTION RUINED

Over One Hundred Lives Lost, Twenty Bodies Recovered.

Tyler, Minn., Aug. 22.—Between 30 and 35 persons were killed and more than 100 were injured by a tornado that struck Tyler about 10 o'clock last night and tore the town to pieces in a twinkling. Twenty-seven bodies have been identified.

A tornado striking Tyler, Minn., a town of 1,100 inhabitants in the southwestern part of the state, at 9 o'clock last night, destroyed the entire business section, part of the residence district and caused deaths estimated at from 30 to 125, according to information given out by Great Northern railroad officials here early today.

The buildings destroyed included three banks, the power house and five general stores. Three solid blocks of business buildings were razed and the residences east and west of the town were swept.

A passenger train passing through Tyler was thrown from the track. Twelve passengers were killed and several were injured. The hospital was destroyed and at least one nurse is known to have been killed.

Twenty bodies had been recovered from the wreckage at 3 o'clock this morning. The tornado tore through the heart of the town, sparing only one building, a motion picture theater, in which 200 persons were sheltered. The greatest loss of life was in a restaurant. Eighteen persons were in the place when the brick walls collapsed. Sixteen were killed and the two others were seriously injured.

### ALLIES DAMAGE SIX HUN ARMIES SINCE JULY 15

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Allies have damaged six German armies since July 15, and the British now are cutting into the seventh, with the spread of the battle northward and over a front of seventy miles. Whether the enemy is prepared or unprepared Allied efforts have had the same result and the Germans have been outgeneralled and outfought. The armies attacked and damaged in the last six weeks have been those of Gen. Von Elmes, Von Mudra, Von Boehn, Von Eben, Von Hutier and Von Der Marwitz.

On Wednesday the German resistance was most desperate on the right of Gen. Mangin's army in the neighborhood of Bleuxy. If the French are able to reach the neighboring village of Juvigny, the salient marked by the villages of Juvigny, Oisy and Paisy would become untenable for Gen. Von Eben who would be obliged to retreat beyond the Soissons-Coucy-Le Chateau road. The German situation is unenviable enough at present, but would become still worse as the French progressed. The Germans also would have to abandon the Vesle-Aisne line and go back to the Chemin des Dames.

Military observers are convinced that the Germans will end their defense by falling back to the old Hindenburg line all along the front.

### BRIGADIERS TO BE MAJOR GENERALS

Washington, Aug. 22.—Eleven brigadier generals of the army were nominated by President Wilson today for promotion to the grade of major general. They are William H. Johnston, Beaumont B. Buck, William Weigel, Robert L. Howze, Robert Alexander, John L. Hines, Grothe Hutcheson, Walter H. Gordon, Eli A. Helmick, William Lassiter and William S. McNair.

Brig. Gen. Jesse McI. Carter, chief of the militia bureau, also was nominated to be major general, and Brig. Gen. Merritt W. Ireland was nominated to be assistant surgeon general with the rank of major general. Thirty-two colonels, including Col. Marlborough Churchill of the general staff, chief army censor, were nominated to be brigadiers.

## HUMBERT'S MEN REACH DIVETTE RIVER; MANGIN ON SOUTH BANK OF OISE

German Forces Retreating in Sector South of Noyon Along Oise—Contact Maintained By French—British Closely Following Retiring Germans in Flanders.

(By the Associated Press)

Fighting their way forward along the southern reaches of the Picardy battle front, French troops stand today before Noyon. This city has been referred to as the key to the whole German line west of the Somme.

During the last night Gen. Humbert's men reached the Divette river for a long distance west of its confluence with the Oise. South of Noyon the army commanded by Gen. Mangin holds the southern bank of the Oise from Sempigny to Bretigny, more than six miles. At Sempigny they are slightly more than a mile from Noyon.

The line turns to the south at Bretigny and runs to Bourguignon, where it again curves to the east and reaches the Ailette river at La Quincy Basse. It then extends southward and it is officially reported that the French have reached the outskirts of Pommiers, a village on the Aisne less than two miles west of Soissons.

German forces in the sector south of Noyon and along the Oise are said by the French official report to be "retreating," which may account for the rapid progress of Gen. Mangin. It is said, however, that contact with the enemy is maintained by the French.

British troops attacked the Germans along the line between the Somme and the Ancre rivers at 4:45 o'clock this morning. This may be considered as a continuation of the attack north of the Ancre at dawn yesterday. The front of the latest attack is about five miles long.

North of the Ancre the British have advanced in spite of enemy resistance and have crossed the Arras-Bapaume railroad. This railroad embankment was a serious obstacle to the British advance yesterday.

In the Flanders area the British are closely following the retreating Germans and have reached Neuf Berquin, a village two miles within the German lines, as they stood when the last definite reports were received from this sector.

On the northern side of the Lys salient, in Flanders, the Germans have been forced out of a strong position north of Bailleul. The Germans launched a heavy counter attack against the British at Loere hospice, but were repulsed. Heavy fighting is reported in this area.

Strong German counter attacks are developing near Miramont and Iries, which are near the southern end of the line over which the British attacked yesterday.

## FORMER TRAWLER HAS SUNK FISHING FLEET

Both Canadian and American Boats Sunk By Vessel Armed After Capture By U-Boat Off Grand Banks Last Week.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Virtually the entire fleet of the Maritime Fish Co., has been destroyed by the trawler Triumph, which was captured by a German submarine crew and armed, according to reports to the corporation's offices here today.

## GOODRICH COMES FROM CHINA TO REPORT TO BOARD

Hinsdale, Mass., Aug. 22.—L. Carlington Goodrich, who was graduate from Williams college in 1917, has just arrived home from Peking, China, and reported to his local draft board for assignment to camp. Following his graduation he went to China, where his father, the Rev. Chauncey Goodrich is a missionary.

## Tonnage Added To Merchant Marine

Washington, Aug. 22.—Ten ships with a total dead weight tonnage of 51,700 were added to the American merchant marine in the week ending August 15, the shipping board announced today. Seven of the ships were steel and three were of wood. Eight steel vessels and two wooden ships, a total tonnage of 52,850, were launched during the week.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—Destruction of another fishing schooner was reported with the arrival at Gabarus, Cape Breton, of 16 of the crew of the Delagard. They said their vessel was sunk on the fishing banks by a submarine. One of the men is injured. A dory containing three of the crew is missing.

## RECOMMENDS CREATION OF NEW DEPARTMENT

Senate Sub-Committee Wants New Department With Cabinet Member At Head—Scathingly Arraigns Early Delays.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The long awaited report of the senate military sub-committee investigating aircraft production was submitted today with a scathing arraignment of delays in the early days of the war, a review of improved conditions and recommendations for the creation of a new separate department of aviation with a cabinet officer at its head.

Failure to adopt successful foreign aeroplanes and motors, waste of millions of dollars of aircraft appropriations, dominance of the aeroplane program by inexperienced automobile manufacturers, "unsystematic and ineffective" organization, and excessive profits to manufacturers are among criticisms made by the sub-committee, of which Senator Thomas of Colorado was chairman.

Disclaiming wholesale condemnation of the aircraft program, the sub-committee praised much that has been accomplished and predicted "we are approaching a period when quantity production of planes soon may be hoped for."

The report is impersonal, and says all questions of dishonesty or official corruption are left to the Department of Justice's inquiry, conducted by Charles E. Hughes.

While condemning chiefly failures under the former aircraft production board and signal corps control and noting great improvement since John